

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

Local Councils Ordinance 1921

ORDER



1. It is hereby ordered, on the recommendation of the District Governor of the Northern District, that a Local Council shall be constituted in the village of SAMAKH.
2. The Council shall consist of a President and six members to be elected at a general meeting of the village. A list of candidates shall be previously drawn up by the Sub-District Governor in consultation with the Notables and Villagers. The candidates shall be bona fide residents of the village and owners of immovable property therein or able to produce a surety of L.E. 100 to be approved by the District Governor.
3. The District Governor may appoint the President from among the Councillors elected or may delegate the power of appointment to the Councillors.
4. The President and members may hold office for a period not exceeding two years, and shall be eligible for re-election; provided that the District Governor may remove from the Council the President or any member who is convicted of a breach of the peace or of any other misconduct which, in the opinion of the District Governor, disqualifies him for his office.
5. The Council shall be entitled, with the approval of the District Governor, to issue Bye-Laws for securing good order in the village. The contravention of such Bye-Laws shall be subject to the same penalties as the contravention of the Bye-Laws of a Municipality.
6. The Council shall draw up annually a budget showing its estimated revenue and expenditure which

shall be submitted to the District Governor for his approval.

7. The Council shall have power to levy all or any of the following fees and taxes within the area of its jurisdiction:—

a) Poll tax at a rate not exceeding P.T. 10 per annum on every male person in the village of 15 years of age and upward.

b) A tax on the site of buildings at rates not exceeding those prescribed in Article 2 of the Municipal Tax Law at present in force.

c) A tax of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ ad valorem to be paid by the purchaser on the price of goods, merchandise or animals sold by Public Auction within the boundaries of the village.

d) A tax of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ ad valorem to be paid by the purchaser on the price of all animals sold within the boundaries of the village.

e) A monthly tax of P.T. 3. per head on every camel, horse or mule, and P.T. $2\frac{1}{2}$ on every donkey, the property of a resident in the village, which is kept for hire, riding or burden purposes.

f) A slaughter tax not exceeding the following rates:—

Sheep	P.T. 3	per head.
Lamb or Kid	" $1\frac{1}{2}$	" "
Heifer or Calf	" 5	" "
Ox or Cow or Pig	" 8	" "
Camel or Buffalo	" 10	" "

g) Fees for licensing of certain trades and industries leviable under any Ordinance from time to time in force.

8. The area of jurisdiction of the Council shall extend to the limits of the village lands.

HERBERT SAMUEL
High Commissioner.

March 8th., 1923.